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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. The reply brief filed, 30 December 2003, has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

**Conclusion**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Calvin Loyd Hewitt II whose telephone number is (703) 308-8057. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

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